## **HOUSE BILL 2098**

By Daniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to contested case hearings.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-325(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

If a final decision in a contested case hearing results in the party issued a citation seeking judicial review pursuant to § 4-5-322, the court, at the conclusion of the hearing and in connection with the issuance of the final order, may make the same findings and enter the same order as permitted the hearing officer or administrative law judge pursuant to subsection (a), including an order to pay to the party issued a citation the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of such citation, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.